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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

VAN ROMUNDE ET AL)	
SERIAL NO. 09 402 563)	Art Unit: 2163
FILED: OCTOBER 5 1999)	Examiner: ROBINSON
FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STEERING INTERRELATED ACTIONS)	Docket No: KOB 10

**Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b)
AFTER NON-FINAL DECISION BY BOARD OF APPEALS

Sir:

In a Board decision mailed April 22, 2005, the Board made a new ground of rejection in addition to affirming the Examiner's rejections:

In addition to affirming the examiner's rejection(s) of one or more claims, this decision contains a new ground of rejection pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.50(b) (effective September 13, 2004, 69 Fed. Reg. 49960 (August 12, 2004), 1286 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 21 (September 7, 2004)). 37 CFR § 41.50(b) provides "[a] new ground of rejection pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered final for judicial review. (page 12 of decision)

Appellants hereby request that the period for response to the Board Decision be extended by sixty (60) days. Appellants intend to reopen prosecution before the Examiner by filing a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 so that the Examiner can consider amendments to claims and additional evidence and references. The evidence will include one or more declarations under 37 CFR 1.132.

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Appellants and the declarant(s) are located in the Netherlands and English is not their native language. Additional time is required so that the undersigned has sufficient time to communicate with Appellants to complete preparation of the amendments and declaration(s).

Additional time is also required because of difficulty in locating references to address technical issues in the Board's decision. References relating to software dated before 1997 are required to show the known definitions of certain technical terms as of the time the application on appeal was filed. It appears that such references have been discarded by most libraries and have proven difficult to obtain.

Appellants enclose a check for \$200 for the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.117(g).

Respectfully submitted,

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